

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-8 and 16-28 are pending.

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 16-19, 21, 22, and 24-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schelling et al. (US Patent No. 5,706,097) and Lowitz et al. (US Patent No. 5,485,554).

Claims 5, 20, and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schelling/Lowitz and Yamaura (US Patent No. 5,857,185).

Claims 7 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schelling/Lowitz and Gibbon et al. (US Patent No. 6,098,082).

The specification was objected to for lacking proper references to serial numbers of related co-pending applications. However, the specification was amended per an examiner's amendment in the Notice of Allowance mailed April 19, 2005. Confirming the examiner's amendment, the specification has been amended herein to add the serial numbers.

Claims 1 and 24 were also amended by the examiner's amendment to change "printing a thumbnail image of each page" to "printing a thumbnail image for each page," to clarify the intended meaning wherein a thumbnail image is generated which represents each page.

There are three independent claims (1, 16, and 24) among the twenty-one pending claims. Claim 1 recites a computer-implemented method of generating a coversheet for a multimedia paper document comprising one or more pages. A printable representation of multimedia information is printed on each page of the one or more pages of the multimedia paper document. The method includes printing a thumbnail image for each page in the one or more pages of the multimedia paper document on a paper medium to generate the coversheet. See also claims 16 and 24.

Schelling et al. was cited for showing the recited coversheet, namely, the "index print." Contrary to the Office action, the "index print" disclosed by Schelling et al. does not read on the recited "coversheet." As described by Schelling et al.:

"The index print has a plurality of index images representing the still images, motion sequences and sound sequences on the digital recording

medium, the index images including a subject matter descriptor, an index code usable for addressing the individual digital data files and a type indicator for indicating the type of subject matter in the data file.” *Col. 1, line 64 to col. 2, line 5.*

The Schelling “index print” is an index of a set of data files stored on a digital recording medium. In contrast, the recited coversheet is for “a multimedia paper document comprising one or more pages.” The Schelling “index print” comprises images produced from data files stored on the digital recording medium, while the recited coversheet comprises a thumbnail image for each page which comprises the multimedia paper document. It is earnestly submitted that the Schelling “index print” does not read on the recited coversheet, and so Schelling et al. do not disclose or suggest a coversheet as recited in the pending claims.

Lowitz et al. describe “a cost-effective, flexible device which is independent of the printing device such that it can be used with any conventional computer printing device to provide plain paper prints of video images.” *Col. 2, lines 7-11*. The device can capture video images which can then be “processed in any of numerous ways to enhance the printed video image or video images. For example, one or more such video images can be accurately captured and automatically repositioned to optimize their presentation on a printable medium (e.g., plain paper).” *Id at lines 23-28*. Fig. 1 of Lowitz et al. shows an apparatus 200 for processing the video data, and a printing device 106 for printing images. Lowitz et al. teach manipulating video images using the apparatus 200, which images can then be printed using the printing device 106.

Lowitz et al. was cited for teaching the printing of video images on paper. The Office action asserted that it would be obvious to “modify Schelling’s method of recording multimedia” to include Lowitz’s printing of video images on paper to create a coversheet because “it provides the user with an inexpensive way to select, enhance, and create presentations of video images on a printable medium.” *O.A. at page 3*. With respect, the assertion is traversed.

First, it is noted that Schelling et al. already teach that their “index print” is useful for “accessing the images and sound sequences for post processing, ordering prints of the still images or copies of the video and sound sequences, and other situations involving interaction

with imaging service providers.” *Col. 2, lines 9-12*. Schelling et al. already provide the user with an inexpensive way to select, enhance, and create presentations of video images on a printable medium, namely, the “index print,” as compared to the apparatus 200 of Lowitz et al. There is no motivation or need to make the asserted combination of references. Moreover, where Schelling et al. teach creating an index print from which printed images can be produced, the pending claims recite exactly the reverse, namely, a multimedia paper document of one or more pages from which a coversheet is produced.

Second, Lowitz et al. describe an apparatus (200, Fig. 1) for arranging and organizing video data, and then printing video images on a printing device. Like Schelling et al., Lowitz et al. teach an apparatus 200 from which video images can be printed. In contrast, the pending claims recite exactly the reverse, namely, a multimedia paper document of one or more pages from which a coversheet is produced.

Third, since the Schelling “index print” and the Lowitz apparatus 200 each is used to print video images, the combination of Lowitz et al. with Schelling would simply result in a system which gives the user (1) an “index print” and (2) an apparatus 200 from which a user can select, enhance, and create presentations of video images on a printable medium. With respect, the proposed combination does not teach or suggest generating a coversheet for a multimedia paper document comprising one or more pages, where a printable representation of multimedia information is printed on each page of the one or more pages of the multimedia paper document, where the method includes printing a thumbnail image for each page in the one or more pages of the multimedia paper document on a paper medium to generate the coversheet.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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